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An Astounding Caucus Action.

A Democratic legislative caucus was held Wednesday night to consider the Republican proposition to take up the Kidd contest case and determine it upon its merits, provided similar action should be taken in the house on the Dent-Broad case from Taylor county. According to the statement made by the Democratic organ in this city, the caucus declined to settle the Taylor county case first, and it was decided that should the senate unseat Kidd the house, or the Democratic majority thereof, would retaliate by "chopping off" appropriations for the support of the state government. The astounding statement is also made that "some members were favorable to an extreme course," but an exception was made in favor of "humane and educational institutions."

The proposition on the part of the Republicans carried with it the intimation that in the Kidd matter five Republicans in the senate would vote to seat Kidd, but the caucus, which would deprive the state government of the means to pay expenses outside the support of the schools and the humane institutions, as a mere matter of "retaliation," for partisan purposes, rather than from the standpoint of economy, refused to accept it. And this was the situation when the caucus adjourned.

The whole matter at issue was as to which house should take the initiative in the settlement of the two contests, which had been suspended by an agreement signed by authorized representatives of the two parties. On the pretext that the Kidd matter should first be settled the proposition was rejected, and by the decision arrived at the credit of the state was to be crippled, without any change in the law. The matter of doing away with the fee system, or of retrenching expenses, is one to be dealt with by an act of the legislature, and not one which should be made a subject of party revenge, or so-called "retaliation."

If a majority of the assembly decides to abolish the fee system, on the line suggested by Senator Whitaker, without depriving the present officials of the emoluments of their offices, which they are entitled to under the law now in force, the proceeding would be legal, and would create a law that would be in force at such time as would be fixed by the act. The manner proposed by the caucus referred to would be construed by the public, not as a sincere desire to accomplish this result, but as a pure exhibition of partisan revenge.

Our Democratic friends may talk about revolutionary proceedings to their heart's content, but they never could justify an act thus inspired. We contend that the merits of the two contests under consideration have nothing to do with the question of appropriations for the liabilities of the state. They come entirely without that line, and the action of the caucus exhibited a spirit such as has never been before manifested by any party in this or any other state. We cannot believe that the conservative Democrats of the house and senate gave it their hearty approval.

Gomez's Absurd Demand.

General Gomez has taken a remarkable stand with reference to the payment of his troops. He seems to believe that his insurgent followers should receive a great amount of pay for letting the United States free the island from Spanish rule. His demand that this government send him sixty million dollars for his soldiers is unprecedented, since it has never before occurred that the leader of a revolution, which was supposed to be inspired by patriotic motives, has asked the nation that came to his aid and to relieve him in his greatest hour of need, for an enormous sum of money as the price of disbanding his army and restoring his country to a peace basis.

After three years of petitioning to this country for assistance in the struggle for freedom, the Cuban request was finally granted, and this country expended millions in bringing about the result that all the world is familiar with. The United States is now engaged in restoring peace and giving the Cubans the benefits of freedom, and proposes to distribute \$2,000,000 among them before they return to their occupations to regenerate the island and prepare themselves for self-government. Now comes along Gomez with his demand. Says the New York Tribune: He wants the United States to pay him at the rate of \$10,000 a year, more than it pays the highest general in its own army, not merely from the time when the island party have been under American control, or when the Americans decided to help him, but from the time that the Cubans declared themselves independent of Spain. He and his hundreds of generals

and his men must be paid at as high a rate as any soldiers in the world. If his demand is not complied with the inference is that he will keep the troops under arms and prevent the pacification of his country.

But Gomez may yet withdraw his demand. The Tribune further holds that, while the general may regard the \$60,000,000 as a loan to be repaid from Cuban customs receipts, if the money were to be diverted to him what would become of the remainder of the Cubans? Who will pay for the sanitation, give work to thousands of poor people, provide for the re-establishment of industries? Gomez's army is but a small part of the people—Gomez was supposed to be fighting for them all, and the United States is supposed to have freed them all.

Gomez surely does not, in view of all the circumstances, desire to mortgage Cuba to the amount named. The Tribune says: "To ask the United States to hand over \$60,000,000 when it is kindly offering to lend \$3,000,000, is only a parallel to the act of a man who, when his life is saved and his rescuer offers him a moderate sum to support him until he is able to make a living, turns to his savior with a demand for a large permanent pension." Gomez is entitled to another think about the matter.

Good News for Wheeling.

The passage of the river and harbor bill by the house of representatives yesterday, without amendment, is good news for the people of Wheeling and the Ohio valley, for it means a great deal to them and to their interests. In the bill is the appropriation for the survey for two of the dams that are to be built—those below Wheeling and Marietta, which are to be constructed under the continuous contract system at a total cost of about two million dollars. This makes the early completion of the great work which is to give us navigation the entire year a surety. It is the beginning of the end of the further improvement which will come as the result of the movement inaugurated by the Ohio Valley Improvement Association, and carried out by the representatives in Congress from the states that will be most benefited.

Much of the credit for what has been done, and particularly for the provisions in the bill which passed the house yesterday, is due to Representative Doyener, whose position on the river and harbor committee has enabled him to render important service to the enterprise. It is unnecessary here to repeat all that Captain Doyener has done in this matter. It is well known, and the promoters of the work of improvement have repeatedly paid tribute to his successful labors.

The great industrial and commercial interests of the valley, and particularly of this portion of it, can now see in the not distant future the fruition of their hopes. It means something, not alone to the capital invested in the enterprises that exist, but to the labor employed, and all the people will reap their share of the benefits.

A Frank Democrat.

Occasionally we find a Democratic editor who is frank enough to speak out on the subject of the Taylor county case pending before the state house of delegates. Calhoun county isn't the leading county in the state, but it produces good men and they are not all Republicans by any means. The editor of the Chronicle (Dem.), after reading the statement of the late developments, and the manner in which the subcommittee of the committee on privileges and elections investigated the matter at Grafton, has this to say:

From all the circumstances we are of the opinion that there was crookedness in the Taylor county case. We believe that Brothard (Republican) was elected in that county, and that the ballots were tampered with after leaving the election commissioners. And we do hope that the authorities will hunt down the villain who did it and give him such a dose that will deter others from a like undertaking. Trifling with and thwarting the will of the people, as expressed at the polls, is a crime against society, so damnable a crime that it ought to be sunk to the bottomless pit.

This doesn't come from a Republican "revolutionist." It is the honest expression of an editor who believes in fair play. We commend it to the prayerful consideration of our neighbor for what it is worth.

The old blue laws of Connecticut may have been their last day. They have been in existence for two hundred years and an effort is now being made in the legislature to repeal them all. A new code may be set up which will be more in accordance with the progress of the times. Strange as it may seem, on the statute books of this New England state the old law forbidding a citizen to kiss his wife on Sunday between sunrise and sunset still exists, though not often enforced. Sacred concerts are, however, still prohibited when held on Sunday, and at present it is impossible to get entrance to a meat shop, a grocery store or the like on Sunday. The latter law is not so bad, as it exists elsewhere, but infringe upon the private rights of good citizens, and the purpose is to wipe them out.

Common Sense Cough Cures.

It is rather hard lines to be told that the slight, hacking cough that is so distressing to the sufferer is merely a bad habit.

This is often the case, however, and when it is at all under the control of the will it should be sternly repressed.

There are few disorders more teasing to the sufferer and to those about him than this hacking cough, and the cause of it should be investigated as soon as possible, so that common sense may aid in the cure.

Sometimes the uvula, the pendulous part of the soft palate, at the back of the mouth, becomes relaxed and the point touches the tongue, producing a tickling sensation which requires a cough to relieve it.

A little dry tartaric acid put in a quill and blown on the uvula will contract it, or half a teaspoonful of the powder, mixed with two teaspoonfuls of glycerine, stirred into half a glass of warm water, should be used as a gargle.

When a severe cold has been taken and there is a cough, with soreness of the chest, great care should be taken in coughing the feet and rubbing the chest with camphorated oil, etc., to avoid an attack of bronchitis. But for the little, aggravating hacking cough the prescribed "stern repression" idea is the most common sense method, as each cough that is "swallowed" or otherwise avoided will give the irritated surfaces (which are kept inflamed by repeated coughing) a better chance to heal.

Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup is the standard remedy for throat and lung troubles. It is a specific for grippe and bronchitis.

STATE PRESS GLEANINGS.

Wheat that was sowed in time looks well throughout the country, considering the very unfavorable weather up to this time.—Phillippi Republican.

It's "Nathan" anyhow.—Weston Independent.

With a big saw mill at the south end of High street, railroad trains puffing up Decker's Creek, Greenmont Incorporated, steel viaduct connecting her with main Morgantown, a railroad up the west side of the river, a free bridge across the Monongahela river, West Side Incorporated, Beechhurst Avenue paved, a university with a thousand students and municipal ownership of a bountiful supply of clear pure water what would hinder Morgantown becoming the educational and trade metropolis of the Monongahela Valley?—Morgantown Post.

The South Penn Oil Company has made another good strike in the Flat run extension in Monongalia county. It drilled in its No. 2 on the Golden Toothman farm last Tuesday and the well produced 250 barrels the first eighteen hours after it had been drilled into the pay streak. The same company drilled in its No. 2 on the E. Haught farm and has a good producer. The well produced sixty-five barrels the first fourteen hours after the pay was tapped and is still drilling.—Morgantown New Dominion.

Hello, there Wheeling! Do you think it right to reward the giving of a Republican United States senator to you, by electing a Democratic mayor?—Ritchie Gazette.

Wheat in this section generally is looking very well. Some of it is a little short from late sowing, but in the main it is as big as common at this season of the year. It has had no protection by snow, but there has been so little hard freezing weather that it is green, and in many places growing right along.—Grant County Press.

The remarkable growth of the West Virginia University is attracting to it the attention of educators all over the country. The present enrollment is over 700 and at least 100 more are expected at the beginning of the spring term, April 1. Of these 700 about 175 are ladies. There are also about 170 non-resident students, mostly school teachers, taking work by correspondence. The legislators ought to be very liberal to an institution that is doing such a great work for the state.—Clarksburg Telegram.

The shipments of coal from the George's Creek-Cumberland region, for the week ended January 21, 1899, aggregated \$4,496.11 tons, an increase of 9,606.02 tons over the corresponding week of last year. During the last week 28,650.07 tons of coal and 6,650.18 tons of coke were shipped from the Elk Garden and Upper Potomac region in West Virginia, an increase of 4,482.94 and 1,718.06 tons respectively over the same week of 1898.—Shepherdstown Register.

PASSING PLEASANTIES.

She—Did you know that I am an actress now? He—Why, no. Ah! I heard was that you had gone on the stage.—Life.

"What is a non sequitur, Uncle Aleck?" "A non sequitur is when a widower advises a widow to marry, and then doesn't propose."—Chicago Record.

First Wall Flower—They call this a charity ball. Second Ditto—Yes, that's what they call it. But we might stay here until doomsday without getting asked to dance.—Boston Transcript.

Solicitor—Yes, madam, we shall have to put down your correct age in the deed. Client—But forty-five, then, if you must have it, but for goodness sake write it as illegibly as possible.—Tit Bits.

"Do you find people generally pretty civil?" asked a life insurance agent of a bill collector. "Oh, yes, indeed," answered the latter. "They nearly all answer me to call again."—Harper's Bazar.

Watts—I presume you are not superstitious like Carter, who won't take a drink on the thirteenth day of the month. Lushford—No, I only go this far; I would not take a drink during the thirteenth month of the year.—Indianapolis Journal.

Crazed by Opium.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Feb. 2.—China-town, at the big Chinese Lumber mills near Nanaimo, the coal center of the province, have been almost completely destroyed by fire and a number of Chinese burned to death. After work the Mongolians built a huge fire in the center of the Chinese quarter and proceeded to smoke opium. All became befuddled and the flames catching the flimsy cabins of the settlement, gained headway before the opium drugged Chinese realized their predicament. Then they rushed blindly into the flames. Scores of the wildest description were witnessed by the white settlers, who went to the rescue. The flimsy shacks burned fiercely and soon they were a mass of smoking ruins. It was then ascertained that at least two Chinese burned to death. A number of others were badly burned, and it is reported that several others are missing.

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A gratuitous falsehood naturally gives itself away.
The comely lass is responsible for many a lacerated heart.

The thermometer sometimes gets very low but it's never vulgar.
Parents should send their naughty children to a nautical training school.

Giving advice to women and throwing stones at dogs has much the same effect.

Some men make more noise in doing a day's work than others make in a lifetime.

Many of our laws seem to have been created for the purpose of executing injustice.

The ancients evidently considered life a forth living, judging by the way they clung to it.

A good resolution affords the maker great consolation, even though it only lasts five minutes.

Many an ignorant man is credited with superior intelligence simply because he doesn't try to show off.

A man can sometimes learn a great deal by studying the disposition of women—but the tuition usually comes high.

In Prussia women do all the plowing and harvesting, says an exchange. In this country women do most of the sewing and cradling.—Chicago Daily News.

A Laugh in Church.
She sat on the sliding cushion.
The dear, wee woman of four;
Her feet, in their shiny slippers,
Hung dangling over the floor;
She meant to be good; she had promised,
And so, with her big, brown eyes,
She stared at the meeting house windows
And counted the crawling flies.

She looked far up at the preacher.
But she thought of the honey bees
Droning away at the blossoms.
That whitened the cherry trees;
She thought of a broken basket
Wherein curled in a drowsy heap,
Three sleek, round puppies with fringed ears
Lay snuggled and fast asleep.

Such soft, warm bodies to cuddle,
Such queer little hearts to beat,
Such swift, round tongues to kiss,
Such sparkling, cushiony feet,
She could feel in her clasping fingers
The touch of the satiny skin,
And a cold, wet nose exploring
The dimples under her chin.

Then a sudden ripple of laughter
Ran over the parted lips
So quick that she could not catch it
With her rosy finger tips.
The people whispered: "Bless the child."
As each one waked from a nap,
But the dear, wee woman hid her face
For shame in her mother's lap.

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